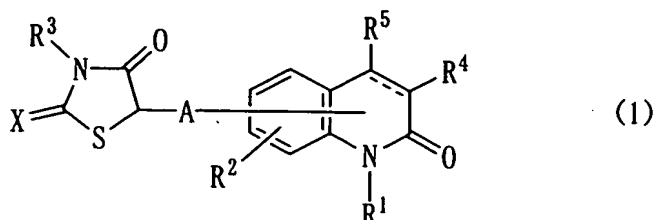


ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a carbostyryl compound represented by General Formula (1)

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or a salt thereof, wherein A is a direct bond, a lower  
alkylene group, or a lower alkylidene group; X is an oxygen  
10 atom or a sulfur atom; R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> each represent a hydrogen  
atom; the bond between the 3 and 4 positions of the  
carbostyryl skeleton is a single bond or a double bond; R<sup>1</sup> is  
a hydrogen atom, etc; R<sup>2</sup> is a hydrogen atom, etc; and R<sup>3</sup> is a  
hydrogen atom, etc. The carbostyryl compound or salt thereof  
15 of the present invention induces the production of TFF, and  
thus is usable for the treatment and/or prevention of  
disorders such as alimentary tract diseases, oral diseases,  
upper respiratory tract diseases, respiratory tract diseases,  
eye diseases, cancers, and wounds.